Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—May I know whether it has received the sympathetic consideration of the Diwan?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—It would not be possible to consider the case of these applicants unless the rules are changed radically.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Has it been placed before the Diwan?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ (*Pazhayannur*).— ആക്റ്റിംഗ് സപ്ലീസ്സിൽ ട്രെയിനിംഗ് കഴിക്കാത്ത ആളുകൾ വളരെയുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ (*Director of Public Instruction*).— കുറെയുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ (*Pazhayannur*).— ഇപ്പോൾ പുതുതായിട്ട്, ട്രെയിനിംഗ് കഴിക്കാത്ത ആരേയും ആക്റ്റിംഗ് സപ്ലീസിൽ വെച്ചിട്ടില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻ നായർ (*Secretary to Government*).— ഇല്ല.

Responsible Government—granting of—steps taken.

203. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether the Government have taken any steps subsequent to the Budget Session of 1112 Karkadagam for granting responsible Government in Cochin;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what are the steps taken?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) Steps are being taken to appoint a Minister to be in charge of certain departments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether this occasion will be utilised by the Government to make the place of the Minister a covetable post of service instead of a covetable post of his salaries?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I don't understand the question.

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Mr. President.—I understand the question. It is the intention of the Government that the Legislative Council should fix the salary of the Minister. If it so happens that the Minister has to be appointed before the meeting of the Council a tentative salary will be given by the Government. Afterwards a Bill fixing the salary will be brought into the House.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—When will the Minister be appointed ?

Mr. President.—A Press Note was issued that the Minister will be appointed soon after the general election.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Does the Government propose to bring any more subjects for the discussion of the Council such as Harbour and Railways ?

Mr. President.—It will be kept in view in framing the constitution.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government also be pleased to consider the question of giving us an elected President ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—For the time being we do not ask for it.

Midwives—Appointment in Villages.

204. Mr. K M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government state the names of villages where midwives have been appointed by the Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Midwives have not been appointed by the Government in any of the villages as such. Midwives are attached to almost all the medical institutions. They are intended to cater to the needs of that locality and the surrounding areas.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is there one attached to the Cranganur Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the Government can take up the question of getting as many trained midwives as will be necessary to have the services of one midwife at least to every village ?

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